

Field Set for Beverly Tournament

North High, South High, and Torrance will compete in the 27th annual Beverly Hills Basketball Tournament starting Tuesday and Wednesday. All first round games will be in the swim gym and the consolation round games will be in the boys' gym.

Quarter-final games are Thursday with the semi-finals Friday and the championship game on Saturday.

South will meet Arcadia at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Torrance plays Bellflower at 4:30 and North opposes Morningside at 6 p.m.

A rundown on each team in the tournament follows:

Arcadia
Arcadia has a young team, supported by two returning lettermen, Mike Larkin, a 6'2" guard, and Doug McAdam, a 6'3" forward. Both are fine shooters and good ball handlers. Coach Vallie Robinson feels his squad has "so many young, unproven players it is too early

to tell just how good a team it will be."

Bellflower
Quickness and excellent rebounding are big assets for the Bellflower Bucs.

The experienced Bucs will be led by four returning lettermen, leading off with Everett Popma, a 6'7" All-League Center last year. Also seeing second-year action will be Gene Burd, a 5'10" guard; Lee Wofford, a 6'4" forward; and Randy Craig, a 5'9" guard.

Beverly Hills
With five returning lettermen, Beverly Hills will have its best chance in 22 years of capturing its own tournament. The Normans have done it twice before, back-to-back, in 1955 and 1956. Coach Chuck Reilly's quint shoots and rebounds well, with defense looming as the only problem. "If our defense holds up, we are going to be hard to stop," Reilly promises. The Normans boast one of the

tallest starting squads in the tournament, with big Rick Caesar (6'8"), Ed Burris (6'3"), Jason Newman (6'11"), Ed Carmen (6'0"), and Jim Tough (6'0").

Buena
Buena, consolation champs in last year's tourney, will field a good squad again. Coach Arnie Saul expects his team will be every bit as strong as last year's charges who placed second in their league season and then lost to a tough Morningside five in the CIF playoffs.

Bulldog hopes are riding with two 6'2" forwards, Walt Campbell and Mark Bottomley.

Culver City
Coach Norm Kargi's Culver City Centaurs this year are fast, have refined their ball handling, and have developed an eye for the hoop. The Centaurs once again will have Ken Gruendyke at 6'0" and Marty Arnold at 6'5½", who should add extra punch necessary to move the Centaurs into the role of a tournament threat.

Millikan
This will be the first time the Long Beach Millikan Rams will compete in the Beverly Hills Invitational. Although they were the Moore League champs last year and compiled a 27-3 overall record, Millikan has only Randy Green, a 6'2" guard, returning from last season's great squad. Coach Howie Lyons' young but fast Rams, however, have been steadily improving and could be a team to watch.

Mira Costa
Fair height, quickness, and good shooting ability are three good reasons the Mira Costa Mustangs could get a piece of the action this year. Evenly balanced with six juniors and six seniors, the Mustangs are hoping to regain the form that won them the crown three years ago.

Montebello
Coach Bob Frees of Montebello will field four returning let-

termen, but lack of height and bench strength will hurt the Oilers. Frees is banking on Vince Negrette, John Schnebeck (6'11"), Jim Thomas (5'11"), and Jim Jones (6'2"). Although a hustling team, the Saxons will be hurt by inability to control the backboards.

Morningside
Speed and quickness will characterize Morningside play, but lack of size will be a definite handicap.

Coach Lee Smelser has four returning lettermen to give him an experienced squad, which will be led by three-year veteran Bill Temple, center Bill Ingram (6'3"), and forward Bob Boyes.

North Torrance
With four tournament championships in the past five years, the North Torrance Saxons can never be counted out of the run-

ning. Helping them in the bid for the championship will be two-year starter Dan Anderson (6'11"), Jim Thomas (5'11"), and Jim Jones (6'2"). Although a hustling team, the Saxons will be hurt by inability to control the backboards.

Redondo
Very deep in bench strength, the Redondo Seahawks will once again field a strong quintet.

Three returnees from last year's squad, which had a 21-8 win-loss tally, are Tom Box, Robby Fowler, and Bruce Gerhardt, all of whom are big and capable of shooting well from any spot in the forecourt.

San Marcos
In its first year in the tourney, San Marcos from the Santa Barbara area, might just possibly walk off with the title. The short but quick Royals

will be led by Doug Little, who ranked All-CIF and league most valuable player last year. Little, a 6'3" forward will be flanked on the other side by Ronald Siegert.

Santa Monica
It could be another "building year" for the Santa Monica Vikings, what with only one returning starter and two returning lettermen. Led by center Russ Chapel (6'6") and forward Brian Hatton (6'9"), the Vikings will try to capitalize on good shooting ability.

South Torrance
Seven out of 11 South High Spartans are returning lettermen this year, a factor which should serve them well in their first year in the Beverly tournament.

The Spartans' main strength is size. With heights ranging from Mike Cloyd's 6'8" to "short" Dennis Rector's 6'5", Coach Dave Corman's hoopers

have it head and shoulders over everyone else.

Torrance
With improved ball handling and shooting accuracy, the Torrance Tartars hope to regain the form that won them the tourney title in 1965. They are an impressive squad with good height and will be led by Bruce Baker (6'6"), Bill Souza (6'2"), and Jerry Adams (6'3").

Ventura
Most "experts" are touting the Ventura Cougars as the odds on favorite to take the Beverly Hills title, a role they always seem to play and often have taken the bows.

Coach Bob Swanson has three returning starters from last year's good club, including forward Robert Turner and center Keith Wilks, both of whom made last year's all-tournament team. The Cougars will possess their usual quickness and will have a strong edge on the backboards.

Too Many Superstars

Laker Coach Bill van Breda Kolff and Jerry West feel the team can reach its potential by running and fast-breaking at every opportunity.

Wilt Chamberlain and Elgin Baylor believe the Lakers are more effective when they play a slowdown ball-control offense.

Who is right? Can there be a compromise? Will disagreement end in dissension?

The Lakers have everything it takes for a good running team. Chamberlain is a center who dominates the defensive backboards and executes the outlet pass. The team has ample skillful ball-handlers and passers. The bench can adequately spell the regulars when they gun out of gas.

If the Lakers are to be effective on the break, Wilt must go all-out every minute. When he tires, Mel Counts is a reliable sub.

Another reason the Lakers should keep running is their personnel is suited to it. Tom Hawkins, Fred Crawford, John Egan, and Keith Erickson don't contribute enough if they don't run.

None of the quartet is a good shooter from a range of 15 feet out, with the possible exception of Egan. But on the fast-break, all four excel at "going to the hoop."

Still another advantage of the running game is that more players see action, a fact West says is vital.

"It makes for a team effort," says Jerry, "and everyone is happier. We have enough depth so that anyone can run until he tires, and then there is a man to replace him who is capable of maintaining the fast tempo."

Chamberlain prefers the slowdown style mostly because he has perfected it, and Baylor likes it because he is a great one-on-one player.

"We could start five players with 50 years of experience," Wilt reasons, "so doesn't it make sense that we could out-think and out-manuever most other teams?"

The advantages of a controlled offense with a man like Chamberlain are obvious. He can set screens for his mates to take better percentage shots, and at 7-foot-2, he can execute passes that others can't.

What Wilt fails to realize is that only West and Baylor, among the starters, are good perimeter shooters. Hawkins, Erickson, Crawford and Egan cannot take advantage of the screens or passes because they just don't shoot that well.

At Philadelphia, where Wilt was so successful with a controlled offense, the perimeter shooters were far superior.

Chamberlain's arguments against playing the high post are (1) it takes him away from the basket for rebounding and (2) it nullifies his scoring, since he, too, cannot shoot well from outside 12 feet.

Van Breda Kolff points out that Baylor, Hawkins, West and others need room to drive, and Wilt clogs up the middle when he remains on the low post.

The high-low post squabble will end when Wilt goes to the hoop more frequently. The most serious difference is Wilt's belief that he should play 48 minutes.

As far as VBK is concerned, Wilt can play 48 only if he runs. When the big man starts pacing himself the fast-break is lost, and other Lakers slow down as well. The team can ill-afford to do this, according to VBK.

It seems obvious that the Lakers cannot play ball-control and play well. But, likewise, they cannot run well if Wilt doesn't choose to run with them . . . and very possibly he may not.

The fact is the Lakers can never field a perfect running team any more than they could employ a successful ball-control club.

What it boils down to is that the Lakers have three superstars with individual styles, and eight other players of equal but vastly different skills.

Trying to assemble this group into a well-oiled operation is like trying to fit square pegs into round holes.

Van Breda Kolff knows his team can never be smooth enough to overwhelm the opposition, because the individual pieces don't fit together properly.

Still, the Lakers have enough going for them to win their first NBA title. As long as Chamberlain gets excited and plays his best against Boston, that's all that really counts in the long run.



ALL AMERICAN TACKLE . . . Named to the J. C. Wire All-America Team for his outstanding year of football at El Camino is John Sullivan, a tackle and defensive end who prepsted at Bishop Montgomery High School. El Camino had a 10-0 record before losing to Fresno, 25-6, in the state junior college playoffs.

El Camino Wrestlers Try Again

El Camino College's wrestling team goes to Long Beach for the second annual Cal-State Long Beach Wrestling Tournament Saturday.

Competition all day begins at 10 a.m.

The Warriors' brought home a third place finish in the Arizona Western Wrestling Tournament last weekend. The Tribe captured second place in 1967.

Dave Hengstler, wrestling coach, said, "We took only third, but we did a better job this year. The competition was much stronger."

The Warriors had two individual winners. Frank Lucio, in the 191-pound class, had three pins out of his four matches and a 6-1 decision to take the title. This was Lucio's second title in the Arizona Western Tournament.

Dan Felix took the heavyweight title on a 3-2 score, winning matches on a pin, 6-0 and 12-0 scores. Felix placed second last year.

Repeating as tournament team champions was Phoenix College with 92 points. Second place went to host Arizona Western 89; and El Camino third with 60 points.

Fish and Game Director Plans Retirement

Walter T. Shannon, director of the California Department of Fish and Game since 1960, announced he will retire Feb. 1, concluding 32½ years of service.

Shannon served 17 years as director and deputy director, having been named deputy director when the department was reorganized in 1952. He joined the department in 1936 as an assistant game warden and worked his way up to warden captain in charge of Riverside and San Bernardino counties following World War II service as a naval officer.

CASPER DEFENDS L.A. OPEN

Bill Casper, Jr., is wired from South Africa that he will defend his title in the 43rd annual \$100,000 Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament, President Jim Gilleran, of the sponsoring Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced.

The first start of the 1969 tournament trail will be Jan. 8-12 at Rancho Park Golf Course.

Casper currently is on tour of South Africa. The veteran San Diego player enjoyed one of his greatest years in 1968, topping the money winning list with earnings of nearly \$200,000.

Casper also won six tournaments during the year, the most any player has won in a season for the past several years.

Casper faces a different challenge in attempting to retain his L.A. Open title. Bill won at Brookside Park in Pasadena, a layout substantially different from Rancho.

Municipal Basketball Is Organizing

League play will begin in January throughout the South Bay area for winter adult basketball leagues sponsored by the Los Angeles Recreation Department.

Teams from industrial, church and civic organizations can make applications for the league announced Robert Weyer, senior municipal sports director for the South Area.

"Gyms are now available for practice after applications are received and a league fee of \$41 per team is paid," Weyer said.

Games will be played at Dodson and Dana Junior High School gyms in the South Bay area.

Organizations can obtain brochures and league applications by calling the South Area Municipal Sports Office.

USC Games Shift to KFI Radio

All football and basketball games of the University of Southern California will be broadcast exclusively on KFI in Los Angeles, beginning with the 1969-1970 school year.

A five-year pact has been signed by USC Director of Athletics Jesse T. Hill and KFI President and General Manager Edmund C. Bunker.

The Trojans and KFI are also exploring possibilities of carrying on the scene coverage of other major sports activities at the University in coming seasons.

Bunker has announced that KFI will carry at least 13 USC basketball games in the current 1968-1969 season, including the March 7 tussle with UCLA. These are games that cannot be carried by KNX which broadcasts other sports events.

Through its affiliation with the NBC radio network, KFI will also carry the forthcoming Rose Bowl game between USC and Ohio State on New Year's Day.

El Rancho, St. Paul In Finals

St. Paul and El Rancho clash in the CIF "AAAA" football championships tomorrow in the Coliseum.

The game will be on Channel 11 Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Swordsmen of St. Paul High beat El Rancho's Dons in the campaign opener, 21-6. Since the start of the season, the Swordsmen compiled an 11-0-1 record, while the underdog Dons accounted for a 9-3 count.

El Rancho came from behind last Friday with three second-half tallies to topple the Westminister Lions, 27-7, at the Coliseum.

St. Paul parlayed a fumble and a pass interception into two quick touchdowns, dethroning the defending AAAA champions Anaheim Colonists, 30-13.

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John Sullivan Earns All-America

El Camino tackle John Sullivan, a graduate of Bishop Montgomery, has been named to the All-American Junior College team named by J.C. Grid Wire.

Three teams were selected by Grid Wire. Besides the All-American team, an offensive specialist team and a defensive specialist team were picked.

Tom Reynolds, a back from El Camino, was named to the offensive team.

Dennis Dummit of Long Beach City College was selected first-team quarterback on the all-American team.

Dummit, who passed for 147 completions in 246 attempts, 2,131 yards and 19 touchdowns, earlier was selected co-player of the year in the rugged Metropolitan Conference.

Bill Meyers, offensive co-captain of LBBCC, was an honorable mention selection at tackle.

Bill Elias Fired as Navy Coach

There's an unwritten rule for football coaches at the U.S. Naval Academy: if you can't beat Army, prepare to ship out.

Bill Elias got his sailing papers Wednesday, 11 days after the Midshipmen lost to Army. Like the five head coaches before him, Elias lost his job after losing the Army game.

Elias' Navy team had a 2-8 record this past season, worst in 20 years at the Academy. Elias had an overall record of 15-23-3 in four years. His mark against Army was one win, two losses and one tie.

Elias' Navy team upset Army 19-14 in 1967 and Elias was rewarded with a two-year contract. A Navy official said Elias would be paid for next season.

El Camino College's unbeatable football team met its fate last Saturday, losing 25-8 to Fresno State College in the semi-final round of the junior college state grid championship race.

The game ended the Warriors' otherwise-perfect season in an off count. Fresno plays East L.A. tomorrow for the state title.

El Camino entered cold and foggy Ratcliffe Stadium with an unmarred 10-0 season record and a No. 1 rating in the nation. Fresno posted only an 8-2 mark and was ranked sixth.

Practice Games On Prep Skid

A series of non-league basketball games are on tap in the prep ranks tonight.

West High and Torrance will meet at North High. It is a home game for Torrance whose home gym was destroyed last month by fire.

North High will play at Beverly Hills in a rematch of last Saturday's Pacific Shores championship game. North won in the final seconds, 77-75, on a jumpshot by Jim Thomas.

South will make the trip to Oxnard for an inter-sectional game. Bishop Montgomery will repeat a game with Aviation, a team the Knights lost to in the Pacific Shores Tournament.

An interesting game on the docket takes place in Culver City tonight where Coach Norman Kargi's Centaurs take on Redondo. A promising sophomore prospect in the lineup for Redondo is Paul Kargi. That's right. His dad is coach of Culver City.

Rams Still Intend To Beat Baltimore

"The Rams still intend to end the season as a winner," said linebacker Maxie Baughan with grim determination this week as the team prepared for its final game against Baltimore at the Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

"The Bears knocked us out of the division title race, but I think we'll try even harder, if it's possible, to beat the Colts. It would take some of the sting out to know that they wound up with as many losses as we did."

"It's going to be just as hard-fought a game as it figured to be earlier. The Colts need to win to keep their momentum. They won't let down. But we're going to be up-way up."

caller of the Rams, though defeated by the 17-16 defeat by Chicago (first one-point loss suffered by the Rams since 1961), was quick to praise the Bears for a fine game. "They outplayed us. They won with a sound, basic game, well executed. One of their coaches, Chuck Cherundolo, told me after the game that it was the best one the Bears had played all year."

Baughan thinks the Bears have a fine chance to go into the division playoff against the Colts. "They've come back after overcoming a lot of bad breaks and they meet Green Bay in Chicago."

El Camino went into the game with All-Metropolitan Conference end John Featherstone, unable to make the trip due to a cracked vertebra suffered in the Diablo Valley game. The Warriors were also limited in the use of their all-star halfback Dave Boyd. Boyd carried only six times for 17 yards while suffering with a badly bruised leg.

Besides taking advantage of eight fumbles and interceptions, the Rams used their bombing attack to produce three of four TDs. FCC quarterback Mike Rasmussen completed 19 of 34 passes for 224 yards and the three TDs.

Gordie Howe Passes 709 Goal Mark

Gordie Howe of Detroit Red Wings passed the 700-goal mark for regular-season National Hockey League action last week and, as any fan knows, he won most of the NHL's scoring records. Nonetheless, the 40-year-old Howe, now in his 23rd season with the Wings, is off to the best start of his entire career.

Howe, who has 14 goals and 24 assists for 38 points — six fewer than leader Bobby Hull of Chicago, never picked up more than 30 points in the first 24 games he played in any previous season and in only one — 1956-57 when he had 15 goals — had he ever scored more goals than in this season in the first 24 games. His 30 points were in 1953-54, when he had 81 points for his fourth straight scoring title. In 1952-53 when he set the former record of 95 points, including his personal high of 49 goals, Howe had 14 goals and 27 points after 24 games.

Last week, Howe picked up three goals and four assists for seven points. So far this season he has failed to gain at least one point in only two games — both against East Division leading Montreal Canadiens.

One record which Howe doesn't own is within the grasp of Hull, who Sunday turned in the 23rd three-or-more-goal game of his 12-year career. That leaves him only three behind all-time leader Maurice Richard, who had 26 such games in regular-season action during his 18 seasons with Canadiens. Howe is third in the all-time list with 16.

Hull also had two assists last week to increase his point-total to 44, including league-leading totals of 19 goals and 25 assists. The latter total only six short of his entire assist output in 1967-68.